



N Willamette Blvd

Active Transportation Corridor

Fall 2023 – 30% Plans Update

What We'll be Covering

- Goals for today
- PBOT staff introductions
- Project overview
- How we got here
- Scope details
- Schedule
- What's next

Goals for Today

- Build a better understanding of the N Willamette Blvd Active Transportation Corridor Project
- Learn why PBOT is doing this project and where it came from
- Ask questions about the project and either get a quick-ish answer now or set up a time to learn more
- Learn who to contact with feedback (and how) and stay up to date as the project progresses

My Goals for Engagement

- Anybody who lives directly on Willamette and wants an in-person meeting to talk project details will have a meeting date with me scheduled by the end of next week
- Anybody with a question they don't want to ask in the large group can email or call me and I will respond by the end of the week
- Any questions asked here tonight that we can't answer, I will research/discuss with the project team and email responses within two weeks — I can send responses to either the NA chair or a list

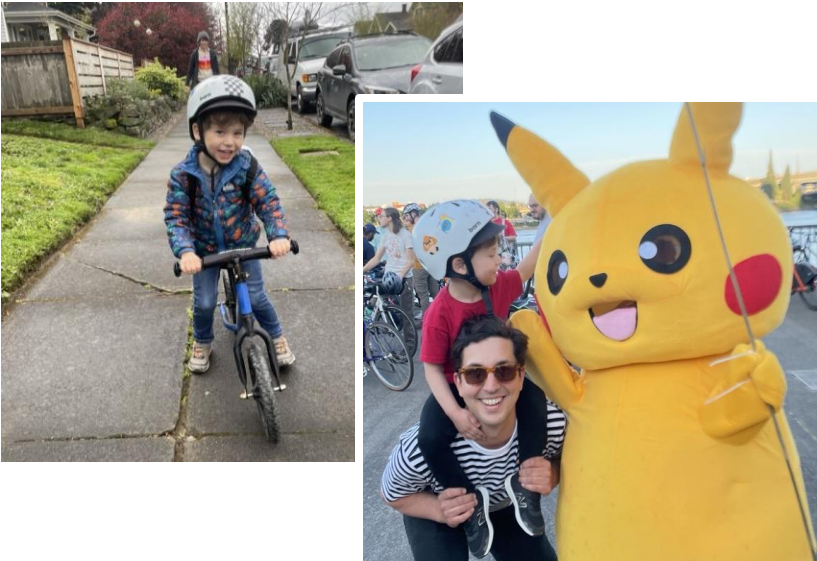
Who are we?

PBOT Staff Introductions

Mike Serritella, Senior Transportation Planner

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- North Portland resident
- PBOT Planner for most major projects in North/Northeast Portland



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- I live in St. Johns
- I bike and drive on Willamette most days of the week
- I've managed capital projects for PBOT for the past six years



What project are we talking about today?

N Willamette Blvd Active Transportation Corridor

PBOT is excited to share information about a major federally funded investment on N Willamette Blvd between N Rosa Parks Way and N Richmond Ave.

The project's goals are to **increase multimodal access to destinations** throughout North Portland **and improve safety for all roadway users.**

PROJECT DETAILS

3 Miles

of new all-ages-and-abilities
protected bike lanes



New Crossings

and improved ADA access
throughout the corridor



Better Bus Stops

paired with improved crossings to make
access to transit easier and safer



Where did this project come from?

Why Willamette Blvd?

Only city-owned, non-freight route connecting neighborhoods throughout North Portland.

The busiest route today for both commuting and recreational bike riding in the peninsula.

A history of unsafe speeding, traffic crashes, and underinvestment by the City of Portland.

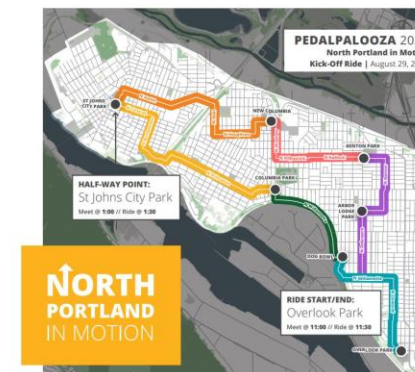
TriMet is increasing service for Line 44 and we want to make it easier for people to access transit.

The highest adopted transportation policies to support increased walking and biking.



Project Background & Context

- 2010:** Portland Bicycle Plan Adopted by City Council
 - 2018:** North Portland Connected, PSU Workshop
 - 2018:** Rosa Parks Protected Bike Lanes completed
 - 2019:** PedPDX Adopted by City Council
 - 2019:** PBOT developed Metro grant for N Willamette Blvd, City Council approves grant application request.
 - 2019:** N Willamette Neighborhood Greenway completed in Overlook
 - 2020:** N Greeley Multi-Use Path completed
 - 2020:** Metro public comment period, PBOT wins federal grant through Metro for improvements on N Willamette Blvd
 - 2021:** North Portland in Motion planning effort begins, identifying smaller-scale transportation projects and building awareness about funded investments on N Willamette Blvd.
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- 2021 – 2022:** PBOT begins initial public engagement ahead of receiving federal grant funds.
 - 2022:** PBOT begins receiving federal funding for initial surveywork
 - 2023 - Today:** PBOT initiates formal design process and increases stakeholder specific public engagement efforts.



Public Involvement Highlights

- Over 25 public meetings, presentations, other community touchpoints on and near Willamette.
- *Willamette Blvd Corridor Improvements* ranked as a top community priority in *North Portland in Motion's* Fall 2022 open house.
- Over 400 physical mailings to all impacted properties (related to parking removal) with comment period and exemption option.
- Interactive online map for the public (7,000+ views as of October 2023).

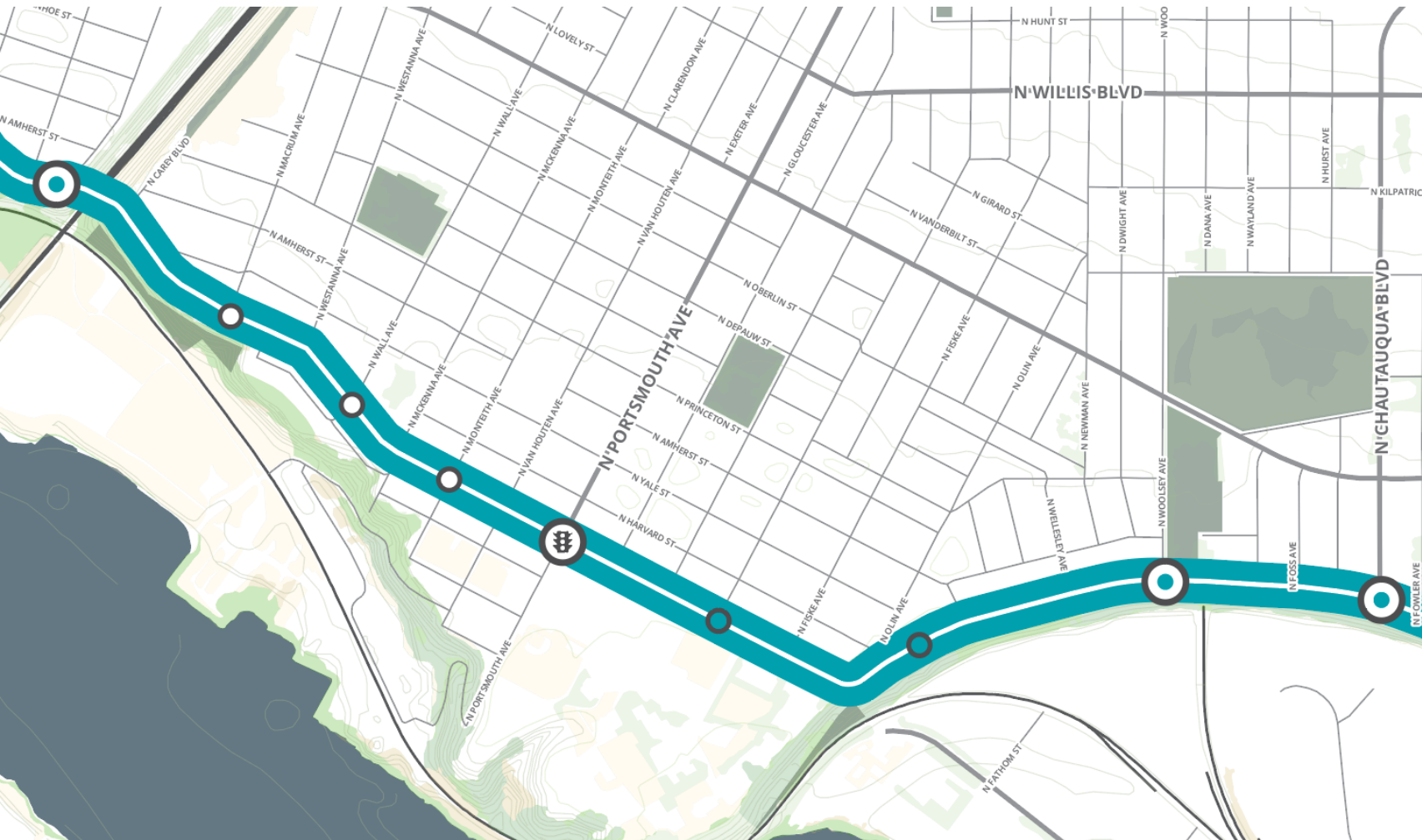


*In-person pop-up for
North Portland in Motion
at St Johns Farmers
Market in Summer 2022*






*Willamette Blvd
Community Bike Ride
in Summer 2023*



What exactly is happening?



KEY PROJECT ELEMENTS:

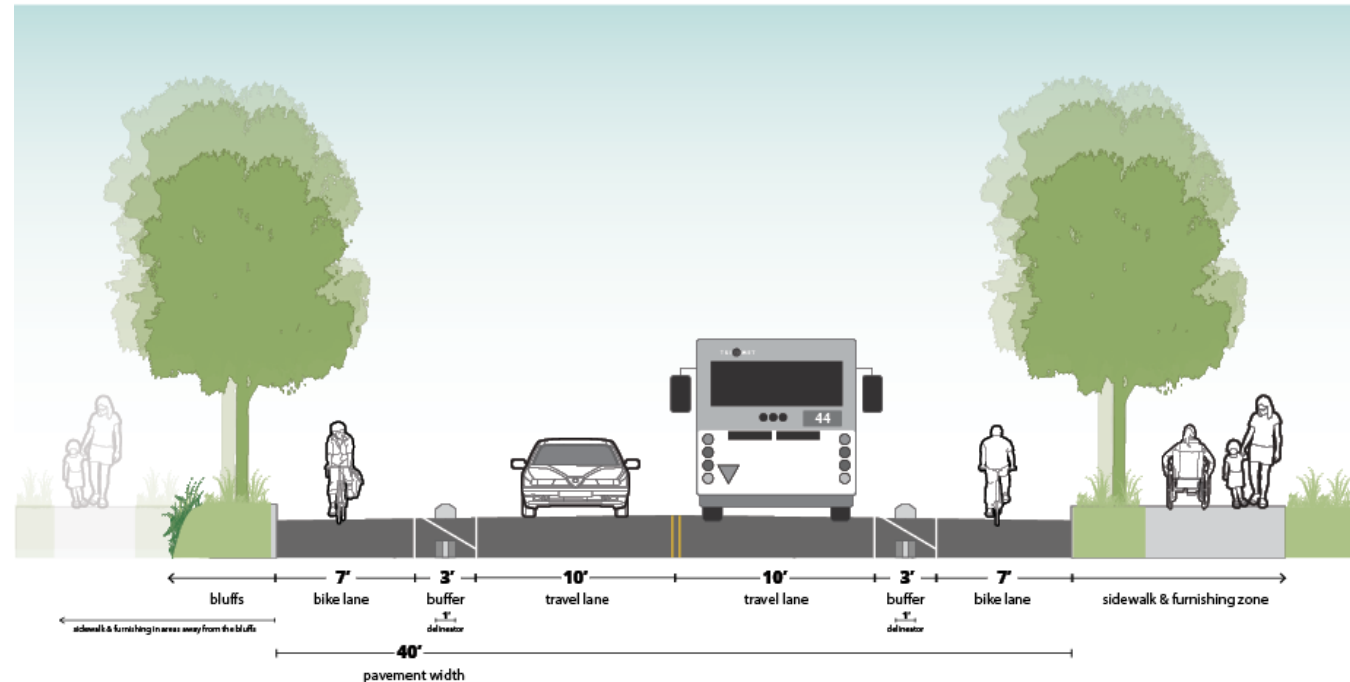
-  N Willamette Blvd Project Extent
-  Major Crossing Improvement
-  Existing Signal
-  Existing Enhanced Crossing
-  Additional crossing to be added by North Portland in Motion or 2024 Paving Project



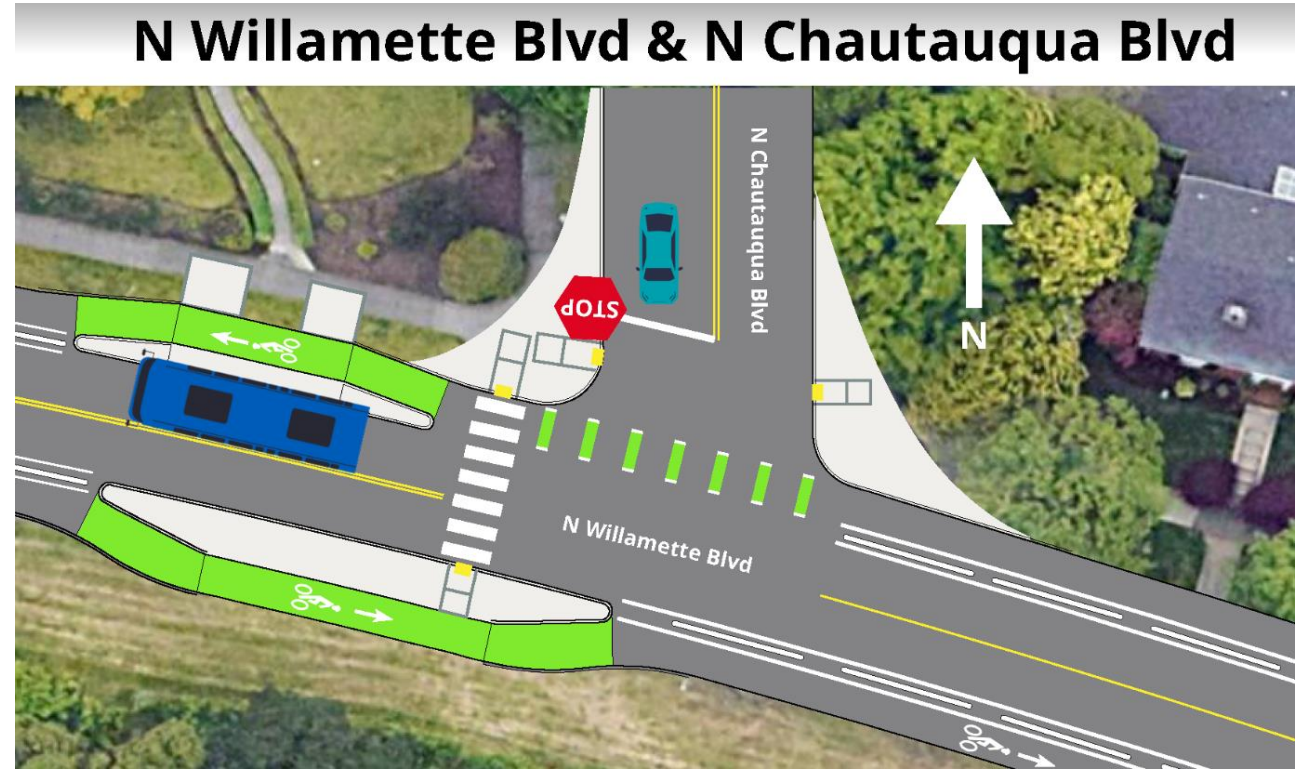
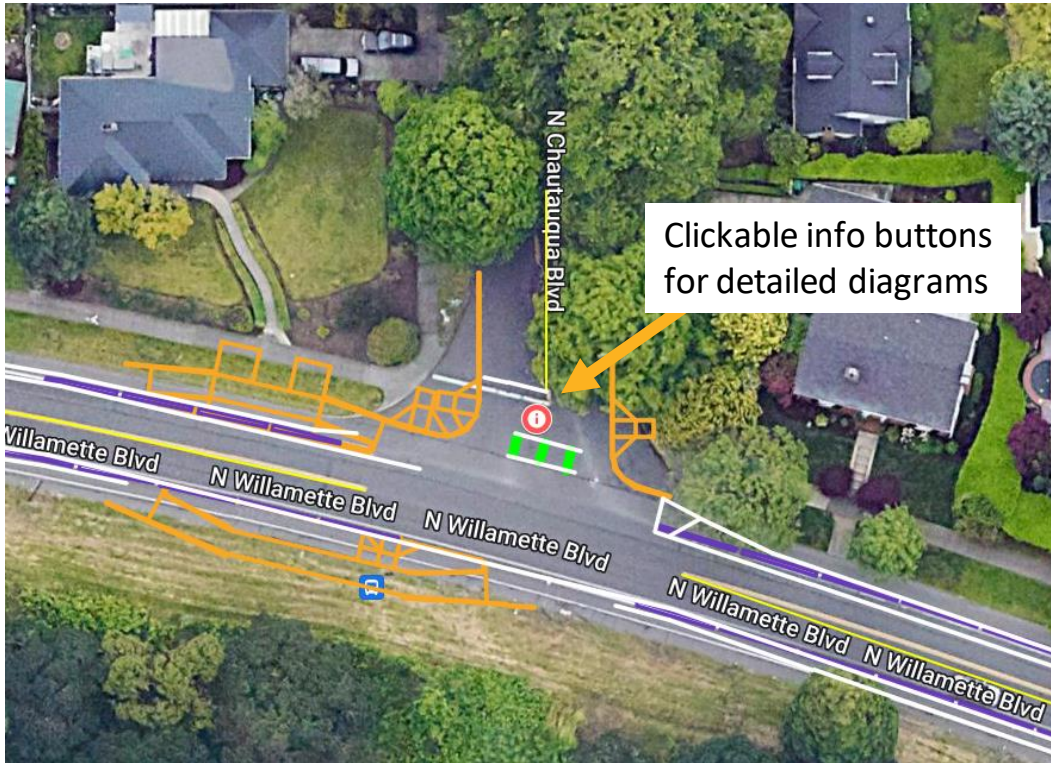
N Willamette Blvd | Project Scope

This project will add:

- More frequent, safer crossings
- Speed cushions to slow traffic (emergency response friendly style with cutouts)
- Protected bike lanes next to the curb; concrete traffic separators between bike lane and travel lane wherever possible
- Better bus stops

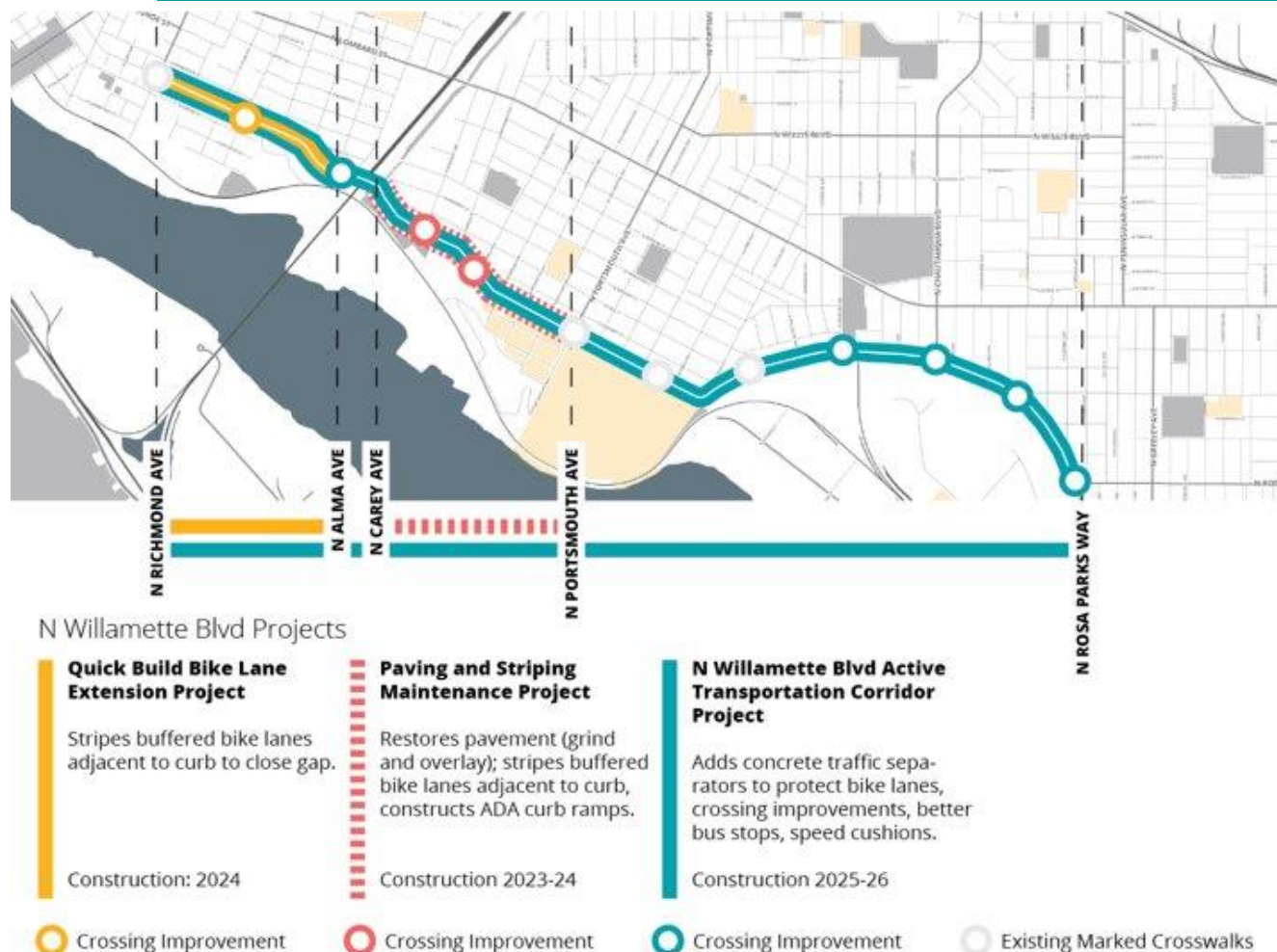


Interactive Project Scope Map



[Portland.gov/WillametteBlvd](https://portland.gov/WillametteBlvd)

2024 Maintenance and Quick Build Projects



2024 Paving and Striping Maintenance Project: PBOT maintenance crews will pave a section of N Willamette Blvd between N Portsmouth Ave and N Carey Blvd. Rather than replacing the existing striping as-is, crews will stripe this section to align with the future protected bike lanes and other improvements slated for construction in 2025-2026. This allows us to avoid grinding out striping on brand new pavement. The restriping will remove all remaining on-street parking on Willamette between N Portsmouth Ave and N Carey Blvd, except for the south side of one block -- N Van Houten Ave to N Portsmouth Ave.

2024 Quick Build Bike Lane Extension Project: The bike lanes on N Willamette Blvd currently end just west of N Alma Ave. This missing piece of the bike network was identified as a strong community desire during the North Portland in Motion planning process. PBOT plans to stripe buffered bike lanes adjacent to the curb to close this gap. On-street parking will be removed on N Willamette Blvd in this area. Then as part of the larger capital project in 2025-2026, construction crews will add concrete traffic separators in the buffer areas.

Project Schedule

	2023				2024				2025				2026			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Design Phase (w/ Milestones)			30%		60%		95%		Final							
Right of Way																
Procurement																
Construction (Corridor: Rosa Parks to Richmond)																
Construction (Portsmouth to Carey Paving & Striping)				ADA Curb Ramps			Paving/striping									
Construction (Alma to Richmond Striping)							Striping									



WE ARE HERE!

What's Next? How to Stay Engaged

We want to hear about...

- Circulation/driveway access questions and concerns
- Feedback about trees/plants in furnishing zone (planting strip between sidewalk and street) that are important
- What you like or don't like about specific intersection changes
- Excited about the project? Email to tell me!

Questions? Get in touch:

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Visit the project website to learn more and join the mailing list:

Portland.gov/WillametteBlvd